

THE
**FUTURE
OF
AMERICA'S
NATIONAL
PARKS**

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Centennial Strategy for

Fort Sumter National Monument

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Vision Statement

Fort Sumter National Monument and Charles Pinckney National Historic Site will preserve, protect and enhance, in a sustainable manner the ideas, cultural resources and history of both sites from Colonial America to current day history. We will encourage future generations through interrelated physical exhibits, partnerships and world wide technology to link diverse populations with compatible information. The sites will seek federal, state, and local governments and private organization to form partnerships that will compliment and augment education and protection programs for our national treasures. The partnerships will encourage the public to seek these special places serving as an oasis in education, recreation and freedom.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

Robert Dodson

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Provide safe visitor experience through verbal, visual and recorded messages.

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ **Improve the condition of park resources and assets.**

☒ **Rehabilitate high-priority historic buildings to good condition, and help communities to preserve their history through programs like Preserve America.**

49% of assest considered to be mission critical as defined by the Asset Proirity Index will be raised to good condition.

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☒ **Restore native habitats by controlling invasive species and reintroducing key plant and animal species.**

Work with the plant ecologist team on the removal of invasive trees and shrubs.

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☒ **Improve high-priority assets to acceptable condition, as measured by the Facility Condition Index.**

All high priority assets will be universally accessible.

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☒ **Complete all cultural resource inventories for designated priority resources.**

A comprehensive Historic Structures report will guide the preservation of all historic sites.

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ **Assure that no compelling chapter in the American heritage experience remains untold and that strategically important landscapes are acquired, as authorized by Congress.**

☒ **Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)**

Acquire the SI Lighthouse as an addition to the Park Service owned Life Saving Station.

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ **Encourage children to be future conservationists.**

☒ **Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)**

Improve education programs through partnerships with area museums and local schools.
Provide sources for independent research through web based activities.
Foster new programs for teachers through the Gilder Lehrman Institute partnership.

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ENVIRONMENT

☒ **Inspire an environmental conscience in Americans.**

☒ **Demonstrate environmental excellence through increased use of alternative energy and fuels at every park.**

Replace gasoline cushmanes with bio-deisel ones.

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ENVIRONMENT

☒ Engage partners, communities, and visitors in shared environmental stewardship.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Sponsor Volunteer Day focusing on the use of recycled materials for restoration projects.

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RECREATION

☒ Encourage collaboration among and assist park and recreation systems at every level—federal, regional, state, local—to help build an outdoor recreation network accessible to all Americans.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Sustainability will be built into all preservation projects.

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RECREATION

☒ Establish "volun-tourism" excursions to national parks for volunteers to help achieve natural and cultural resource protection goals.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Participate in local and national volunteer events on a visible level.
Provide volunteer opportunities for communities.

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RECREATION

☒ Expand partnerships with schools and boys and girls associations to show how national park experiences can improve children's lives.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Deliver high quality educational programs that inspire future leaders.
Participate in teacher workshops using the sites as event location.

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RECREATION

☒ Focus national, regional, and local tourism efforts to reach diverse audiences and young people and to attract visitors to lesser-known parks.

☒ Increase visitation by 25 percent at lesser-known parks through a national tourism effort aimed at helping people to discover the breadth of parks and experiences.

Remove barriers to attract larger audiences.

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☒ Increase the number of visitors that attend ranger-facilitated programs such as campfire talks, hikes, and school programs.

Sustain diverse programs to provide visitor opportunities to engage the concepts of preservation with recreation and learning.

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EDUCATION

☒ Cooperate with educators to provide curriculum materials, high-quality programs, and park-based and online learning.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Coordinate work on both the State and Local levels - Teach American History - Department of Education Grant
Participate in the development of the multi state Gullah Geechee Heritage project.

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EDUCATION

☒ Introduce young people and their families to national parks by using exciting media and technology.

☒ Increase the number of web hits through the introduction of advanced, interactive features that attract young people to national parks.

Create interactive website that ties into Consitution Center timeline web based program that allows local students to interact with the timeline exhibit.
Continue development of Fort Sumter's -War For Freedom-Grant from NEH-to create national web site for interation within all civil war sites.

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EDUCATION

☒ Promote life-long learning to connect generations through park experiences.

☒ Enroll an additional two million children in the Junior Ranger program.

Develop a Junior Ranger program that can be accessed electronically from the Park's website.

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☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Offer summer programs that interpret children's activities during historical periods.

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EDUCATION

☒ Impart to every American a sense of their citizen ownership of their national parks.

☒ Increase visitors' satisfaction, understanding, and appreciation of the parks they visit.

Provide high quality interpretive programs that allow visitors to understand, appreciate and experience the events and sense of place.

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☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Maintain programs that foster ownership of park and area historical places for at risk youth. (Morris Island Field Trips)

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ Be one of the top 10 places to work in America.

☒ Meet 100 percent of diversity recruitment goals by employing people who reflect the face of America.

Recruite and retain a diverse workforce that represents the demoraphics of the Charleston, SC area.

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☒ Attain the highest employee satisfaction rate of all federal agencies, as measured by Office of Personnel Management surveys.

Encourage active participation from all staff on decisions making process.

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ Promote a safety and health culture for all employees and visitors.

☒ Reduce the number of employee lost-time incidents and serious visitor injuries by 20 percent.

Ensure employee safety and wellness.
Lost time injuries are maintained at or below previous 5 year average.
Reduce the number of COP hours.

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ Model what it means to work in partnership.

☒ Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Actively participate with the 16 community partnerships that were designed to enhance the park's ability to manage recreation activities seamlessly.
Host or participate in 30% of the organizations, study or special interest groups that the sites are members of.

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ Make national parks the first choice in philanthropic giving among those concerned about environmental, cultural, and recreational values.

☒ Improve communications and marketing capacity to increase public understanding of our mission, opportunities, and benefits.

Inspire public trust by professionally managing park funds, people and assets. Encourage community participation through education.

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